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**ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT** 

in response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2004 in the

above-referenced application, applicant elects with traverse Group I. Applicant notes that claims 40-42, drawn to an apparatus, have been erroneously listed with Group II method claims. Applicant thus respectfully requests that the

Election include claims 1-t., 11, 18-26, 33-34, and 40-42.

As requester by the Examiner, applicant elects species B, as deploted in figure 1D.

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